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10/070094INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
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28 August 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
27 August 1999TITLE OF INVENTION: **CLEANING CONVERSION UNIT**APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: **Geoffrey Sydney Stott and Murray Lester Cass**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

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4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
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6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
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Agent's Reference No.: FISHER-O-PCT-US
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as amended March 27, 2001 as indicated below before calculation of the application fees as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the application as indicated below.

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Please insert the following before the first full paragraph:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is designed to fit most whipper snippers and brushcutters as herein described. Other models may be readily converted by local mower shops.

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It is essential that the "improvements" (ie buildings, driveways, paths, walls, etc.) to real property, and plant and equipment (including vehicles), be properly maintained. Many businesses and individuals have a need for a simple tool that will provide a cost-effective way to effect such maintenance.

Please replace the second full paragraph as follows:

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This new invention offers a powerful hardware attachment solution, which utilizes the mobility of existing small-business and domestic garden devices (such as brushcutters, whipper snippers, grass trimmers and the like), transforming the said device into a powerful multi-purpose tool. Through its high speed rotating action, it is designed to assist in the maintenance and cleaning of surfaces, including but not limited to the removal of paint, dust, moulds, stains, grease and oil, etc.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

To assist with understanding this invention, diagrammatic references will be made as follows:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

BASE COMPONENTRY (REFER fig. 7, page 8)

Numbered references to the description as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

This amendment is based upon the claims as amended in the enclosed Preliminary Examination Report.

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claim of the same number.

1. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit designed as a single general inventive concept that is adapted to be attached to the drive shaft of most brushcutters, whipper snipper and other such devices, said attachment conversion unit comprising:
a drive unit adaptor, a drive unit base and at least one rotary cleaning utensil attachment attached to the base of the cleaning conversion unit.
2. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1, wherein the drive unit adaptor comprises a circular plate with six (6) castellated teeth and wherein the drive unit adaptor has a fixed central square drive shaft with a centered locating hole.

3. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1, wherein the drive unit base is comprised of an enlarged round head with a flat base to which a hook and loop product is attached for the purpose of fixing the various cleaning attachments, wherein the base is approximately 58 millimeters tall, having a top elevation comprising a circular stepped drive socket which has a square drive centrally located at the top of the base unit, and wherein the bottom elevation depicts the attachment fixing surface, and to which, centrally located in circular form, is a recessed (approximately 20 millimeters) fixing surface through which the threaded drive arbor protrudes and to which the locating lock-nut is affixed, securing the invention to the brushcutter device.

4. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1, wherein said at least one attachment is

(a) at least one circular scourer disk having a diameter of approximately 125 millimeters and a thickness up to 50 millimeters, said disk being a standard plastic and/or nylon which is pre-manufactured by way of interlocking thread and which may be provided in a range of grades of coarseness , or

(b) at least one circular sanding disk having a diameter of approximately 125 millimeters and a thickness up to 50 millimeters, said disk which is pre-manufactured by way of interlocking woven thread or other treatment and which may be provided in a range of grades of coarseness, or

(c) at least one circular brush head having a diameter of approximately 125 millimeters and a thickness up to 50 millimeters, said brush head which is pre-manufactured and which may be provided in range of grades of bristles, or

(d) at least one circular mop head having a diameter of approximately 125 millimeters and a thickness up to 50 millimeters, said mop head which is pre-manufactured, may be provided in a range of grades, or

(e) any other attachment not referred to herein which may by effect utilize the rotary nature of the invention together with the utility and power of the brushcutter, or combinations thereof.

5. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1, wherein the drive unit adaptor is adapted to attach directly to the driving spindle or arbor of the brushcutter or whipper snipper by firstly inserting the arbor in the locating hole of the drive unit adaptor and then by turning and locking the castellated teeth into the notches of the brushcutter spool.
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7. (Amended) The parts of the total attachment conversion unit according to and described herein in claim 1 as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Please add new claims 8 through 12 as follows:

8. An attachment conversion unit according to claim 4, wherein to enable the proper attachment of the disk to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the disk provides on one spherical surface, a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.
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12. An attachment conversion unit according to claim 6, wherein the multi-purpose maintenance attachments are attached to the drive unit base by pressing the attachment onto the hook and loop surface of the drive unit base.

The following is a MARKED version of the amended pending claims, specification, and Abstract with all changes shown in conventional comparison.

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a drive unit adaptor, [(and according to and further referred to at CLAIM 2 and CLAIM 5), and] a drive unit base [(and according to and further referred to at CLAIM 3 and CLAIM 6). In addition, the attachment conversion unit also comprises various] and at least one rotary cleaning utensil attachment[s such as, a brush, scourer, sander, mop or other suitable accessory lines as may be developed, which are] attached to the base of the cleaning conversion unit, [(hereinafter referred to as the "attachments" and according to and further referred to at CLAIM 4).]
2. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1, wherein the drive unit adaptor [of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred to in CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 5 herein,] comprises a circular plate with six (6) castellated teeth[. In addition] and wherein the drive unit adaptor has a fixed central square drive shaft with a centered locating hole.

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which has a square drive centrally located at the top of the base
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recessed (approximately 20 millimeters) fixing surface through which
the threaded drive arbor protrudes and to which the locating lock-nut
is affixed, securing the invention to the brushcutter device.

4. (Amended) [The attachments of the attachment conversion unit
according to and referred to in CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 2 herein
comprise:] An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1,
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(c) at least one circular brush head having a diameter of approximately 125 millimeters and a thickness up to 50 millimeters, said brush head which is pre-manufactured and which may be provided in range of grades of bristles[.], or [To enable the proper attachment of the brush head to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the brush head provides on one spherical surface, a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.]

(d) at least one circular mop head having a diameter of approximately 125 millimeters and a thickness up to 50 millimeters, said mop head which is pre-manufactured, may be provided in a range of grades, or [To enable the proper attachment of the mop head to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the head provides on one spherical surface of the mop head a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.]

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6. (Amended) An attachment conversion unit according to claim 1, wherein the drive unit base [of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred to at CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 3] is [then] attached to the drive unit adaptor [referred to at CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 2,] by inserting the male "drive" shaft of the drive unit adaptor into the female "drive" socket of the drive unit base [The multi-purpose maintenance attachments of the attachment conversion unit referred to at claim 1 and claim 4 herein, are attached to the drive unit base by pressing the attachment onto the hook and loop surface of the drive unit base].
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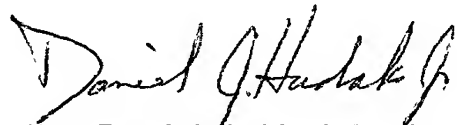
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12. An attachment conversion unit according to claim 6, wherein the multi-purpose maintenance attachments are attached to the drive unit base by pressing the attachment onto the hook and loop surface of the drive unit base.

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DRIVE UNIT BASE - ELEVATIONS

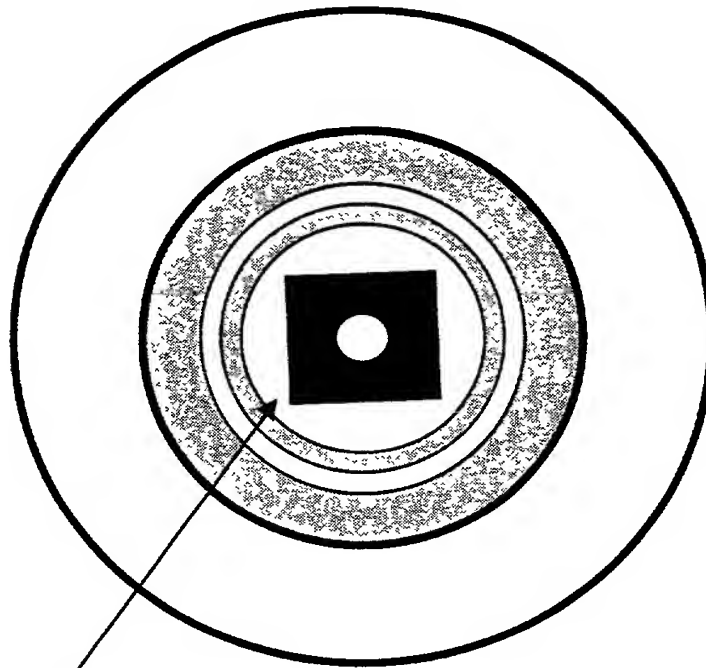


Fig 1 : Top Elevation

Female Drive Shaft

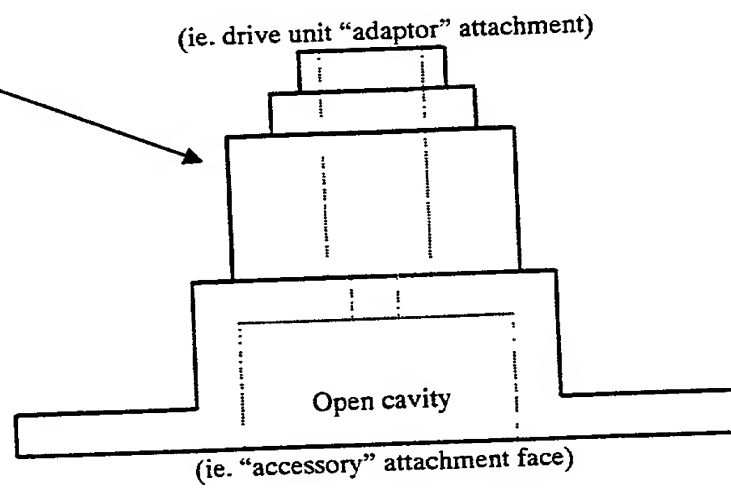
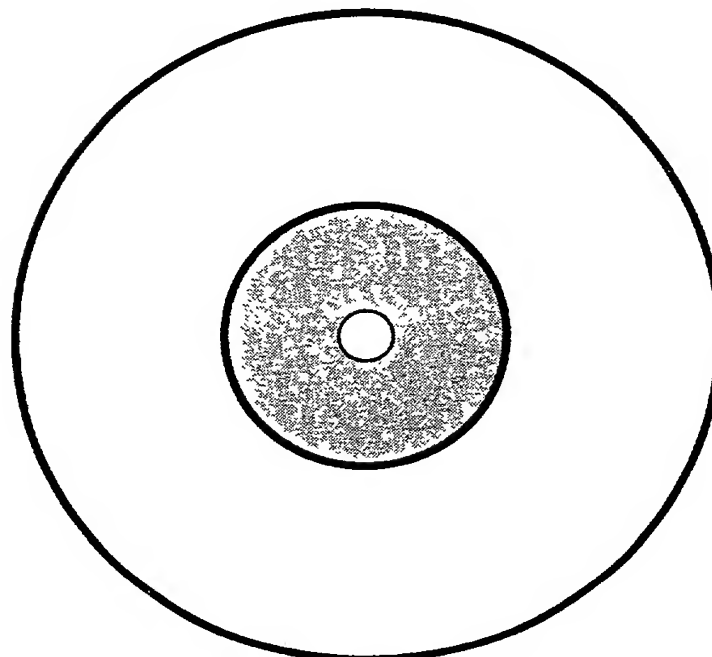


Fig 2 : Side Elevation

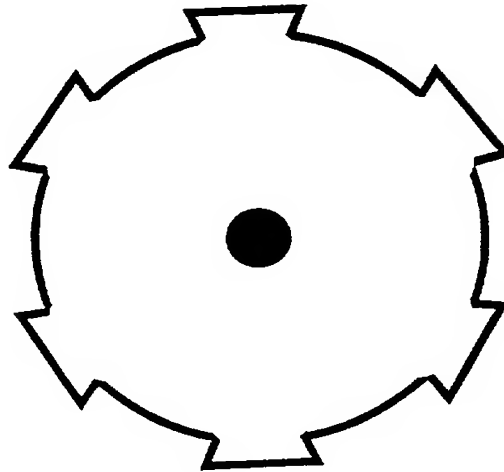


**Fig 3 : Bottom Elevation
(ie. accessory attachment face)**

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DRIVE UNIT ADAPTER - ELEVATIONS



**Fig 4 : Bottom Elevation
(Connecting face)**

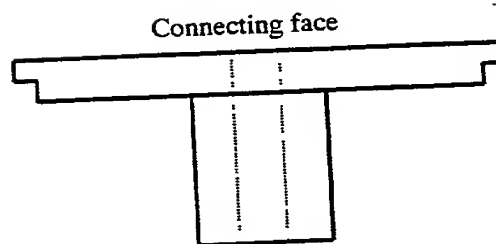


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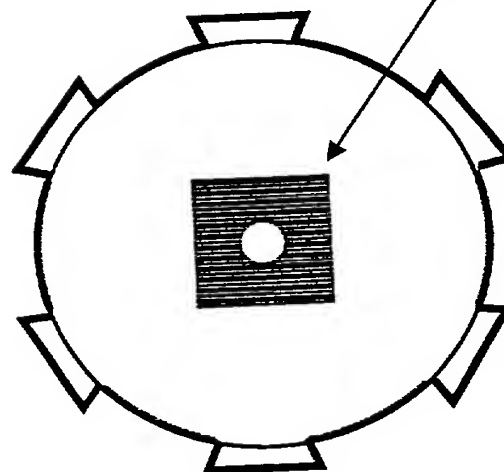
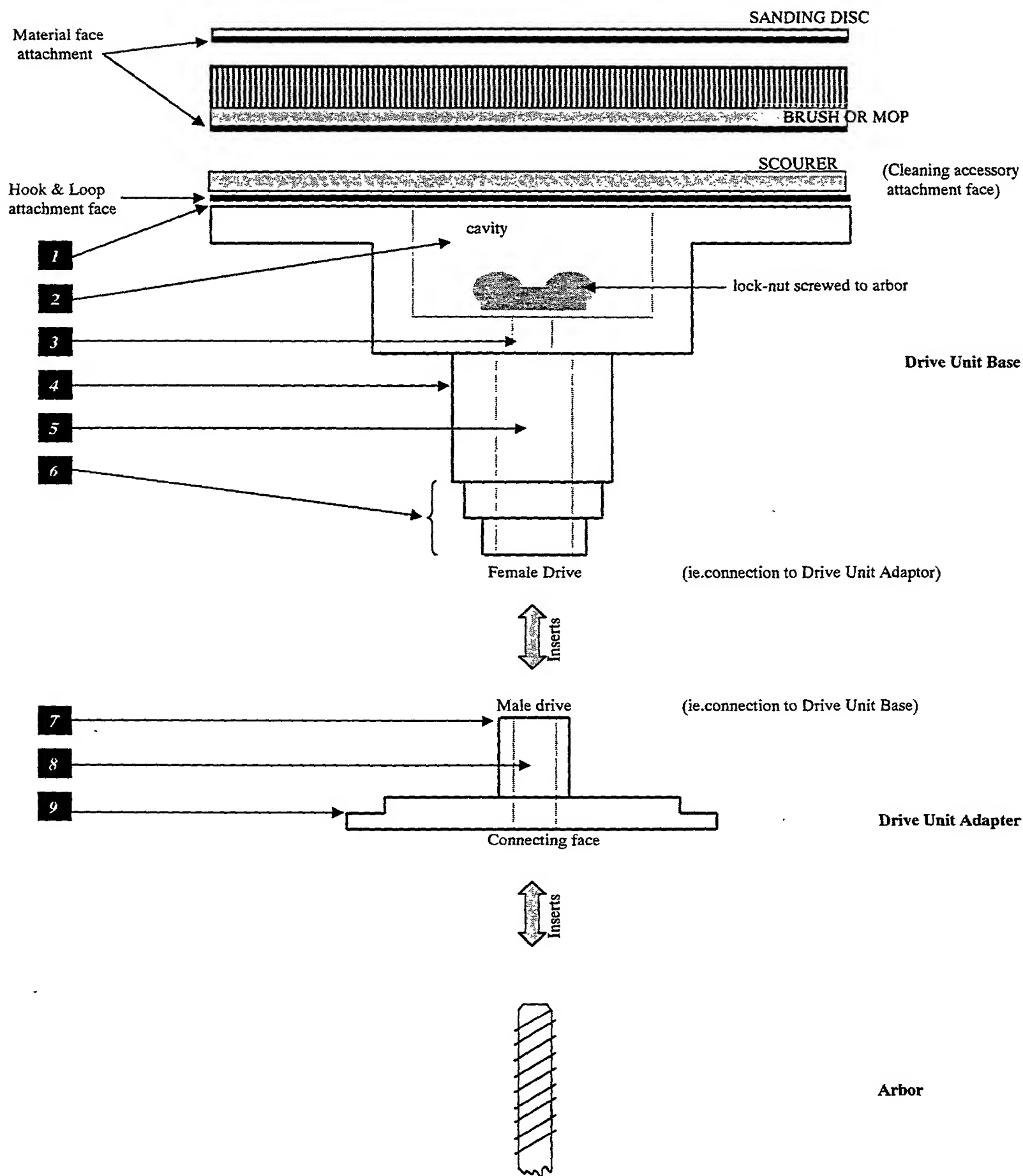


Fig 6 : Top Elevation (maledrive)

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DRIVE UNIT "BASE" & DRIVE UNIT "ADAPTOR" & ACCESSORY LINES - SIDE ELEVATION

Figure 6

AMENDED SHEET
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ATTACHMENT CONVERSION UNIT

(NB. Formally entitled 'Adaptors To Fit Multipurpose Scrubbers To Brushcutters' and 'Cleaning Conversion Unit')

This amended description and design requirements are for an extension of, and to replace the original PCT Application No. PCT/AU00/01015.

This invention is designed to fit most WHIPPER SNIPPERS AND BRUSHCUTTERS as herein described. Other models may be readily converted by local mower shops. References to the accompanying explanation and drawings are the sole property of: -

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The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the best method of operation and performing it known to me:

ATTACHMENT CONVERSION UNIT

It is essential that the "improvements" (ie buildings, driveways, paths, walls etc) to real property, and plant and equipment (including vehicles), be properly maintained. Many businesses and individuals have a need for a simple tool that will provide a cost-effective way to effect such maintenance.

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PRIMARY COMPONENTS

It is made up of two main components, being a "*drive unit adaptor*" (hereinafter referred to as the "*Adaptor*") (refer Figures 4 – 6 on Page 7 hereto) and a "*drive unit base*" (hereinafter referred to as the "*Base*") (refer Figures 1 – 3 on Page 6 hereto), which enables the fitting of this invention [in replacement of the existing string-line cutting head] to most brushcutters (also known as whipper snippers, grass trimmers etcetera) of differing makes, for the purpose of attaching various forms of either a 'BRUSH, SCOURER, SANDER or MOP and other accessory attachments as the case may be' .

SIMPLE FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

The **Adaptor** (if required) and **Base** replaces the flexible string-line cutting head, commonly used in most brushcutters.

The first part of this simple conversion is achieved when the existing head is removed from the brushcutter by unscrewing the central (outer spool) threaded arbor lock-nut. The **base** is designed with a *square-drive* shaft that fits directly onto any brushcutter having a *square-drive* arbor. The **Adaptor** facilitates further conversion to a greater range of Brushcutters, by enabling the **base** to be fitted to devices having the alternative, *hexagonal-drive* arbors. In that case, the male drive of the **adaptor** slides neatly into the female drive of the **base**, utilising the original threaded arbor lock-nut to secure both components. Once the **base** is fitted the brush, scourer, sander, mop or other attachment may be fitted to the **Base** by pressing firmly onto the hook and loop attachment face.

MATERIALS

The **Adaptor** and the **Base** will be made of compressed or injected polypropylene or nylon to comply with ASA design standards and regulations.

DIAGRAMS

To assist with understanding this invention, diagrammatic reference will be made as follows:-

- Figure 1, page 6:** Shows the top elevation of the **Drive Unit Base**.
- Figure 2, page 6:** Shows the side elevation of the **Drive Unit Base**.
- Figure 3, page 6:** Shows the bottom elevation of the **Drive Unit Base**.
Note: This is the face that the accessory line attachments are affixed to.
- Figure 4, page 7:** Shows the bottom elevation of the **Drive Unit Adaptor**.
- Figure 5, page 7:** Shows the side elevation of the **Drive Unit Adaptor**.
- Figure 6, page 7:** Shows the top elevation of the **Drive Unit Adaptor**.
- Figure 7, page 8:** Shows the side elevation of the said components of the invention, being the **Drive Unit Adaptor and the Drive Unit Base**. In addition this figure shows components/suggested accessories attachments that will affix to the head of the **Drive Unit Base**.

BASE COMPONENTRY (refer fig. 7, page 8)

Numbered references to the description as follows:

A. DRIVE UNIT BASE

- 1 **Base head surface for attachment of cleaning accessories.**
The cleaning accessories are attached using a unique industrial strength hook and loop product, that enables a firm and secure fix in accord with Australian safety standard requirements.
- 2 **Void internal area for fixing nuts.**
The internal surface is recessed approximately 20mm (depth) and 50mm (wide) to accommodate different size screws and lock-nuts of differing models of brushcutters.
- 3 **14mm locating hole.**
The drive shaft incorporates a 14mm centred hole for easy assembling.
- 4 **Outer drive shaft unit.**
The drive shaft consists of a 34mm circular body (width) by 33mm (length) approximately.
- 5 **19mm square female internal drive.**
This square female internal drive is compatible to many square drive arbors fitted to straight drive brushcutters.
- 6 **Spacings to Shorten Drive Units (if required).**
We note that, given the large range of brushcutter devices on the world market, there may be the occasion when the threaded-drive arbor of the particular brushcutter device is not long enough to fully penetrate the *drive unit adaptor* and/or the *drive unit base* (as the case may be), therein allowing the lock-nut (ie. inside the void referred to at Item 2) to be safely secured.

To allow for this, the female drive shaft of the *drive unit base* is configured in three sections or steps (refer Fig. 2, page 6), and is designed to be readily and easily shortened by severing either 5mm or 10mm off the length of the female drive shaft.

B. DRIVE UNIT ADAPTER**6 lug Drive Unit Adaptor.**

The 6 lug Drive Unit Adapter will fit most bent shaft whipper snippers. Installation of this unit will enable conversion of hexagonal drives to square drives, and therein the attachment of the drive unit base by sliding the male drive of the **Adaptor** (ie. Item 7) into the female internal drive shaft of the **base** (ie. Item 5).

7 19mm square male drive.

This square female internal drive will accept the square male drive of the adaptor unit (refer fig. 7, page 8).

8 11mm locating hole for the adaptor.

The 11mm hole will centralise the adaptor on the shaft.

9 Lugs

The lugs clip into the brushcutter/whipper snipper unit slots, to replace the original head that is then removed.

ATTACHMENT CONVERSION UNIT

This invention provides for an extension of the use of brushcutters (also known as whipper snippers and/or grasstrimmers) as an economical conversion to a multipurpose maintenance tool, by the attachment and use of a specifically designed base unit and adaptor (where required), to which various orbital maintenance accessory attachments may be affixed.

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

- CLAIM 1.** An attachment conversion unit designed as a single general inventive concept that is attached to the drive shaft of most brushcutters (or whipper snipper and other such devices as the case may be). The attachment conversion unit comprises a drive unit adaptor (and according to and further referred to at CLAIM 2 and CLAIM 5), and a drive unit base (and according to and further referred to at CLAIM 3 and CLAIM 6). In addition, the attachment conversion unit also comprises various rotary cleaning utensil attachments such as, a brush, scourer, sander, mop or other suitable accessory lines as may be developed, which are attached to the base of the cleaning conversion unit (hereinafter referred to as the "attachments" and according to and further referred to at CLAIM 4).
- CLAIM 2.** The drive unit adaptor of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred to in CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 5 herein, comprises a circular plate with six (6) castellated teeth. In addition the drive unit adaptor has a fixed central square drive shaft with a centred locating hole.
- CLAIM 3.** The drive unit base of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred to in CLAIM 1 herein is comprised of an enlarged round head with a flat base to which a hook and loop product is attached for the purpose of fixing the various cleaning attachments. The base is approximately 58 millimetres tall, having a top elevation comprising a circular stepped drive socket which has a square drive centrally located at the top of the base unit. The bottom elevation depicts the attachment fixing surface, and to which, centrally located in circular form, is a recessed (approximately 20 millimetres) fixing surface through which the threaded drive arbor protrudes and to which the locating lock-nut is affixed, securing the invention to the brushcutter device.

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CLAIM 4. The attachments of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred to in CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 2 herein comprise:

- (a) Circular scourers [disks] having a diameter of approximately 125 millimetres and a thickness up to 50 millimetres, said standard plastic and/or nylon disk which is pre-manufactured by way of interlocking hread and which may be provided in a range of grades of courseness (treated). To enable the proper attachment of the *disk* to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the *disk* provides on one spherical surface, a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.
- (b) Circular sanding disk having a diameter of approximately 125 millimetres and a thickness up to 50 millimetres, said standard disk which is pre-manufactured by way of interlocking woven thread [or other treatment] and which may be provided in a range of grades of courseness (treated). To enable the proper attachment of the *sanding disk* to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the sanding disk provides on one spherical surface of the sanding disk a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.
- (c) Circular brush head having a diameter of approximately 125 millimetres and a thickness up to 50 millimetres, said brush head which is pre-manufactured and which may be provided in a range of grades of bristles. To enable the proper attachment of the brush head to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the *brush head* provides on one spherical surface, a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.
- (d) Circular mop head having a diameter of approximately 125 millimetres and a thickness up to 50 millimetres, said mop head which is pre-manufactured, may be provided in a range of grades. To enable the proper attachment of the *mop head* to the hook surface of the drive unit base, the head provides on one spherical surface of the *mop head* a compatible material which enables fixation to the hooking mechanism.
- (e) Any other attachment not referred to herein which may by effect utilise the rotary nature of the invention together with the utility and power of the brush cutter.

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- CLAIM 5.** The drive unit adaptor of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred at CLAIM 1 attaches directly to the driving spindle (arbor) of the brushcutter (or whipper snipper as the case may be) by firstly inserting the arbor in the locating hole of the drive unit adaptor and then by turning and locking the castellated teeth into the notches of the brushcutter spool.
- CLAIM 6.** The drive unit base of the attachment conversion unit according to and referred to at CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 3 is then attached to the drive unit adaptor referred to at CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 2, by inserting the male "drive" shaft of the drive unit adaptor into the female "drive" socket of the drive unit base. The multi-purpose maintenance attachments of the attachment conversion unit referred to at CLAIM 1 and CLAIM 4 herein, are attached to the drive unit base by pressing the attachment onto the hook and loop surface of the drive unit base.
- CLAIM 7.** The parts of the of the total attachment conversion unit according to and described herein in CLAIMS 1 through 6 as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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SIDE ELEVATION

FIGURE I AND II

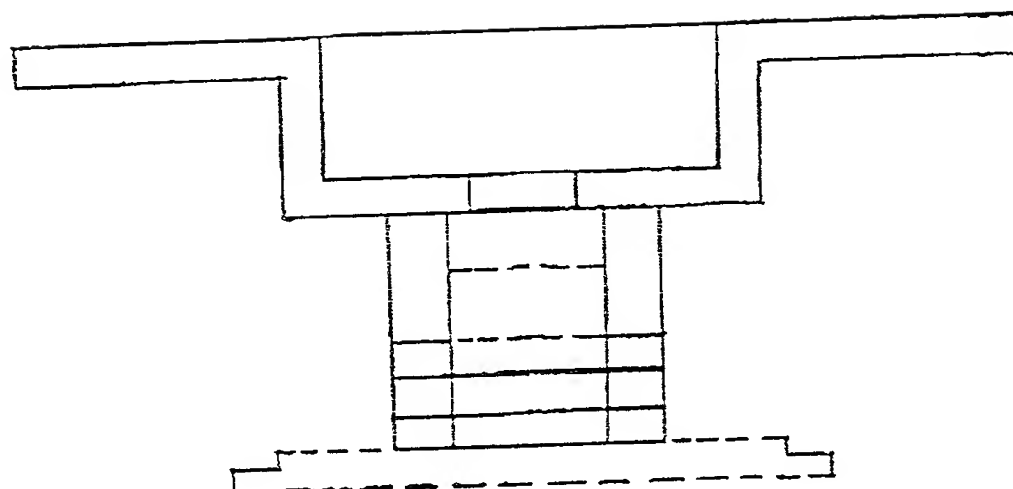


Figure 1

DRIVE
UNIT
BASE

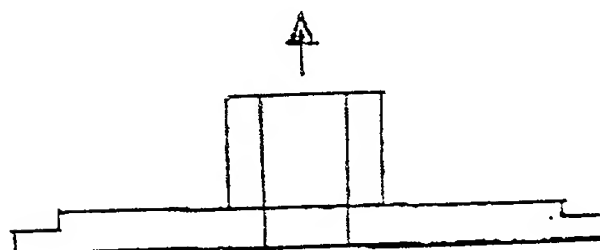


Figure 2

DRIVE
UNIT
ADAPTER

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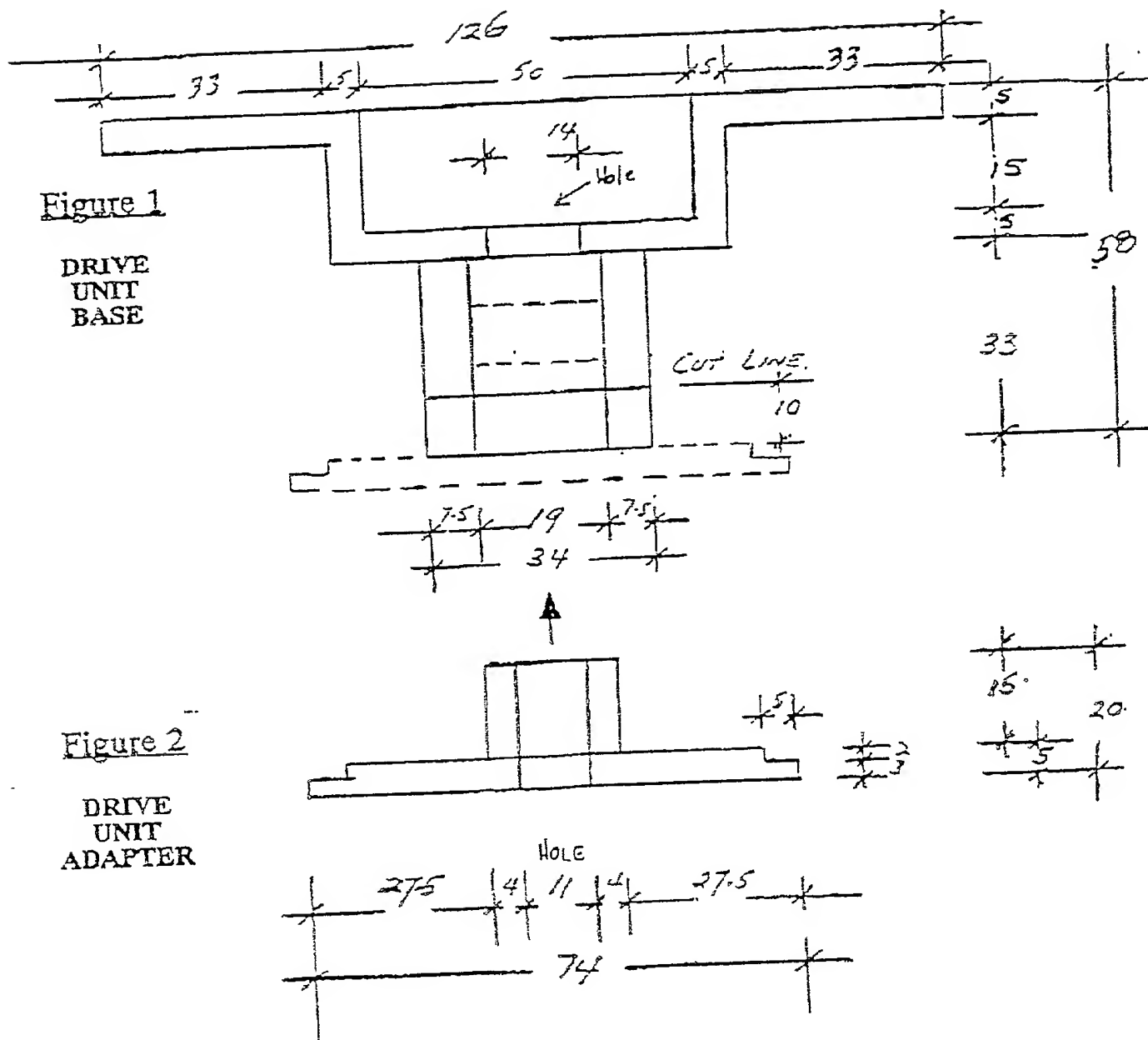
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SIDE ELEVATION
MEASUREMENTS

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ANNEXURE 3

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TOP ELEVATION

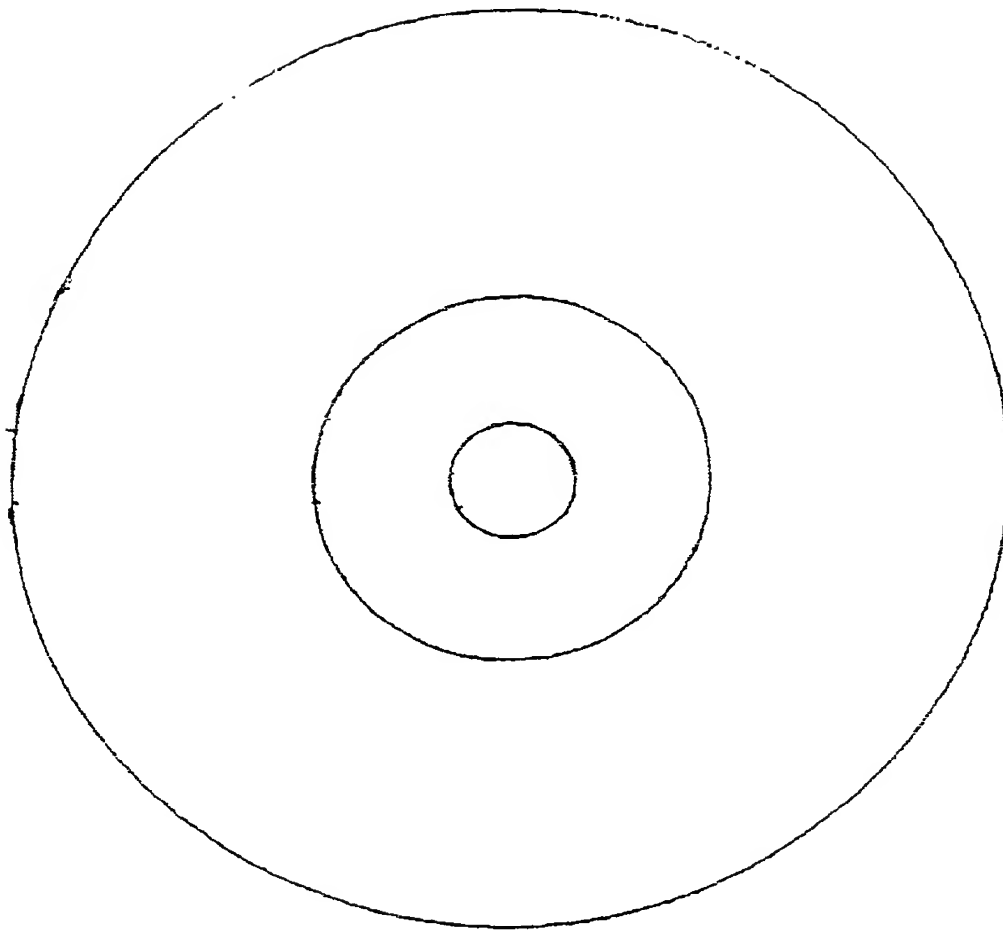


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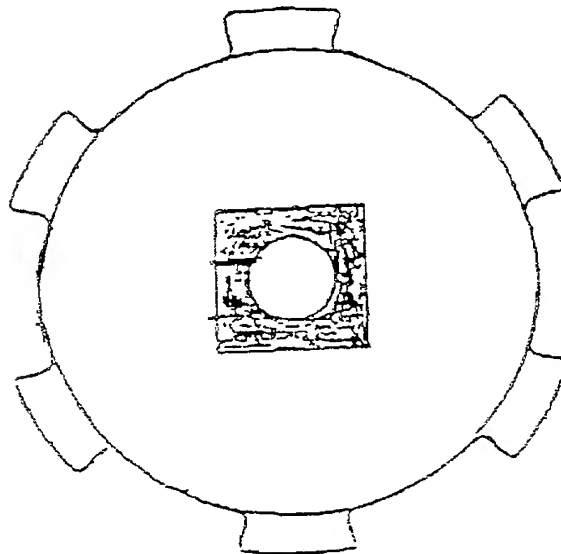


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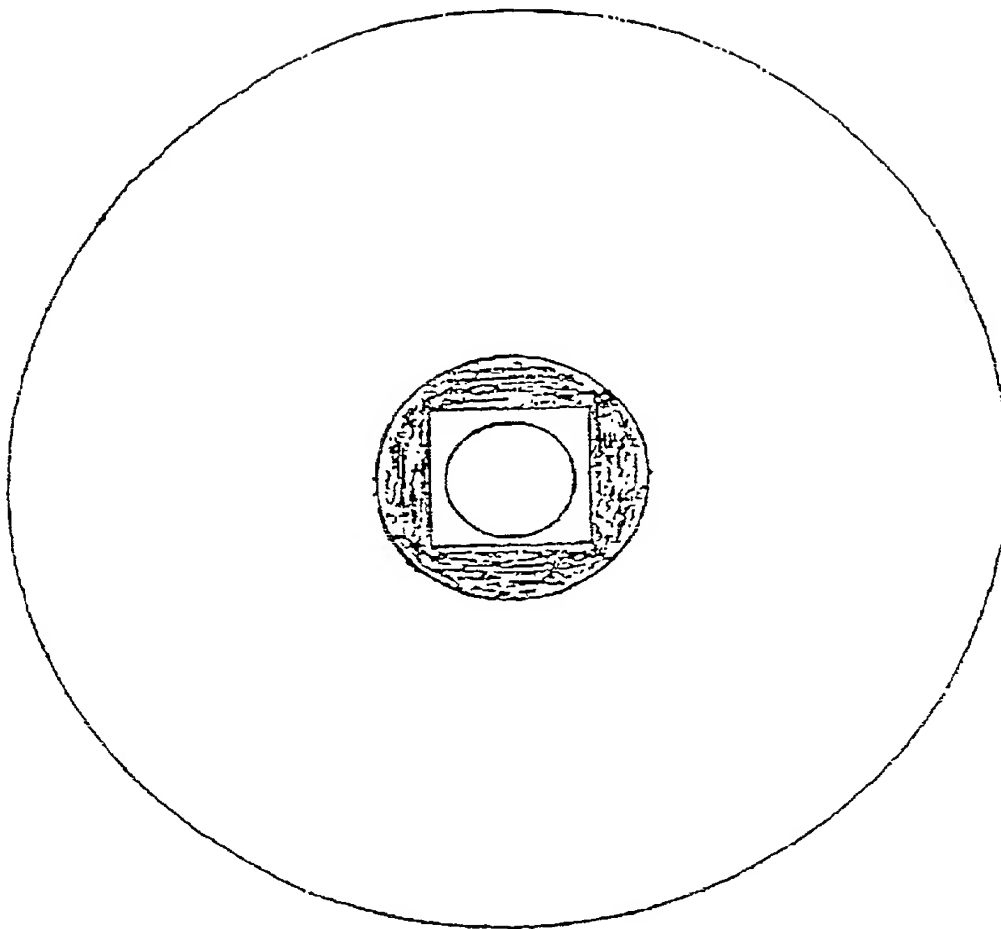
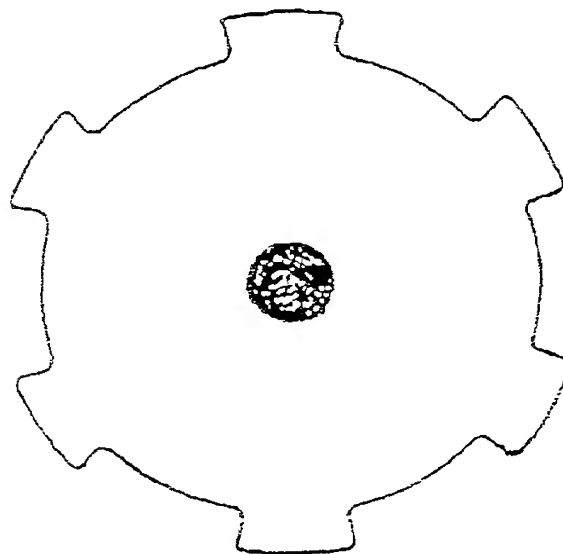
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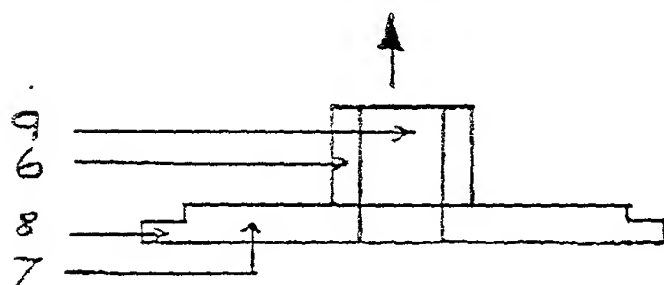
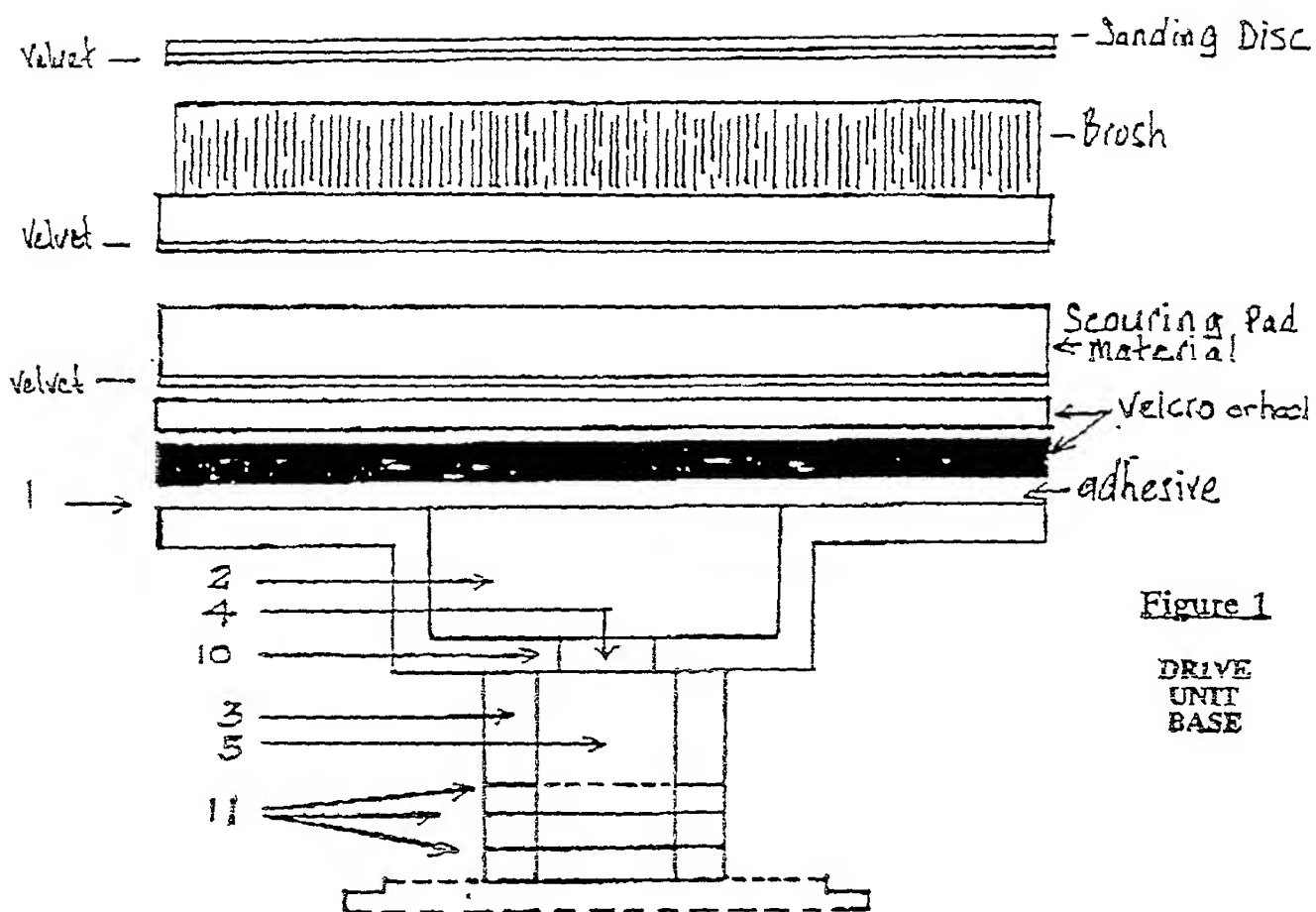
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BOTTOM ELEVATION

Figure 1DRIVE
UNIT
BASEFigure 2DRIVE
UNIT
ADAPTER

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ANNEXURE 5



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